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Decision 14/CP.21

Capacity-building under the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 2/CP.7, 4/CP.12, 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17 and 1/CP.18,

1. *Adopts* the terms of reference for the third comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries established under decision 2/CP.7 (hereinafter referred to as the capacity-building framework) as contained in the annex;

2. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to conduct the comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework at its forty-fourth session (May 2016) on the basis of the terms of reference referred to in paragraph 1 above, with a view to recommending a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of Parties at its twenty-second session (November 2016);

3. *Also requests* the secretariat to prepare a technical paper based on the terms of reference referred to in paragraph 1 above as input to the comprehensive review;

4. *Invites* Parties and observer organizations to submit their views on the comprehensive review by 9 March 2016[1] for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document;

5. *Encourages* Parties to continue to provide information through the appropriate channels, including annual submissions on the implementation of the capacity-building framework, national communications, biennial reports and biennial update reports, on the progress made in enhancing capacity to address climate change;

6. *Urges* relevant bodies established under the Convention to continue to undertake capacity-building activities in their work, as appropriate;

7. *Stresses* that the Durban Forum for in-depth discussion on capacity-building (hereinafter referred to as the Durban Forum) is a platform to share experiences and exchange ideas, best practices and lessons learned regarding the implementation of capacity-building activities with the participation of Parties, representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention, and relevant experts and practitioners;

8. *Invites* representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention, operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and relevant experts and practitioners to integrate into their work programmes and activities the lessons learned at, and the main outcomes of, the meetings of the Durban Forum;

9. *Decides* that the 5th meeting of the Durban Forum, to be held during the forty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, will explore potential ways for enhancing capacity-building by sharing information and varied experiences;

[1] Parties should submit their views via the submissions portal at <http://www.unfccc.int/5900>. Observer organizations should e-mail their submissions to <secretariat@unfccc.int>.

10. *Invites* United Nations agencies and multilateral organizations to provide information to the secretariat for the capacity-building portal;[2]

11. *Also invites* Parties to submit via the submissions portal[3] by 9 March 2016, as part of their annual submissions pursuant to decision 4/CP.12, suggestions on additional potential topics for the 5th meeting of the Durban Forum and their views on possible ways to enhance the information included in the capacity-building portal.

[2] <http://unfccc.int/capacitybuilding/core/activities.html>.
[3] <http://www.unfccc.int/5900>.

Annex

Terms of reference for the third comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries

[English only]

I. Mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) decided to initiate the third comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries established under decision 2/CP.7 (hereinafter referred to as the capacity-building framework) at the forty-second session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) with a view to completing the review at COP 22.[1]

2. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) decided to initiate the third comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework at SBI 42 with a view to completing the review at CMP 12.[2]

II. Objectives

3. The third comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework has the following objectives:

(a) To explore ways to enhance the implementation of capacity-building activities by reviewing the current institutional arrangements related to capacity-building. including the thematic bodies under the Convention, with a view to making recommendations for the enhancement of these arrangements, as appropriate;

(b) To take stock of progress in and assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the capacity-building framework;

(c) To examine possible gaps between the provisions of decisions of the COP and the CMP and the implementation of capacity-building activities;

(d) To identify lessons learned and best practices with a view to developing options for the enhanced implementation of the capacity-building framework, taking into account additional needs and priorities for capacity-building;

(e) To effectively review gaps and challenges in addressing the implementation of priority areas as contained in the capacity-building framework and in meeting capacity-building needs to enhance action on mitigation, adaptation and technology transfer;

(f) To effectively review capacity gaps and challenges in accessing climate finance;

[1] Decision 13/CP.17, paragraph 7.
[2] Decision 15/CMP.7, paragraph 8.

(g) To provide recommendations to the SBI on ways to effectively address the capacity-building gaps at the individual, institutional and systemic levels, including those identified by the first[3] and second[4] comprehensive reviews of the implementation of the capacity-building framework;

(h) To explore potential ways to further enhance the implementation of capacity-building activities at the national level;

(i) To identify major actors supporting the implementation of the capacity-building framework within and outside the arrangements established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;

(j) To review the operation of the Durban Forum for in-depth discussion on capacity-building (hereinafter referred to as the Durban Forum) and identify potential ways to enhance it.

III. General principles of the comprehensive review process

4. The third comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework should be conducted on the basis of the guiding principles and approaches outlined in decision 2/CP.7, annex, chapter B, and should take into account relevant provisions in related COP[5] and CMP[6] decisions on capacity-building.

IV. Information sources

5. Information to be used in the third comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework should be drawn from, inter alia:

(a) Submissions from Parties;

(b) Findings of the first[7] and second[8] comprehensive reviews of the implementation of the capacity-building framework;

(c) Annual synthesis reports on the implementation of the capacity-building framework prepared in accordance with the steps for the regular monitoring and evaluation of capacity-building work as contained in decisions 4/CP.12 and 6/CMP.2;

(d) Relevant national reports (such as national communications, biennial reports, biennial update reports, national adaptation programmes of action and their updates, outcomes of the national adaptation plan process, and national capacity self-assessments);

(e) Reports and submissions from the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies, United Nations entities and other relevant organizations;

(f) Information contained in the capacity-building portal;[9]

(g) Summary reports on the meetings of the Durban Forum;

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[3] Decision 2/CP.10.
[4] Decisions 13/CP.17 and 15/CMP.7.
[5] Decisions 4/CP.9, 9/CP.9, 2/CP.10, 4/CP.12, 6/CP.14, 10/CP.16, 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17, 13/CP.17 and 1/CP.18.
[6] Decisions 7/CMP.1, 29/CMP.1, 6/CMP.2, 6/CMP.4, 11/CMP.6, 15/CMP.7 and 10/CMP.8.
[7] Decision 2/CP.10.
[8] Decisions 13/CP.17 and 15/CMP.7.
[9] <http://unfccc.int/capacitybuilding/core/activities.html>.

(h) Reports of relevant bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;

(i) Interviews, surveys and focused discussions with national focal points for Article 6 of the Convention and other relevant national focal points;

(j) Other relevant existing documents prepared by the secretariat.

V. Modalities of work

6. Drawing upon the information sources listed in chapter IV above and taking into account the objectives listed in chapter II above, the secretariat will prepare, for consideration at SBI 44, a report on the implementation of the capacity-building framework, including:

(a) Descriptions of capacity-building programmes and activities;

(b) Identification of needs and gaps and an assessment of factors that influence the effectiveness of capacity-building activities in developing countries;

(c) Key results and impacts;

(d) Information on the extent and variety of stakeholders within developing countries (governmental and non-governmental organizations, the private sector, community organizations, etc.) involved in, and benefiting from, capacity-building activities;

(e) The availability of and access to resources and the effectiveness of their deployment;

(f) Recommendations for the further implementation of the capacity-building framework;

(g) Assessment of the different baselines and performance indicators for capacity-building.

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Decision 15/CP.21

Terms of reference for the intermediate review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 15/CP.18,

Recognizing the progress made by Parties, international organizations and civil society in planning, coordinating and implementing activities relating to all the elements of Article 6 of the Convention – education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and international cooperation on these matters,

Also recognizing that ensuring the availability of sufficient financial and technical resources continues to be a challenge for the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention for Parties, in particular African countries, the least developed countries and small island developing States,

Reaffirming the importance of taking into account gender aspects and the need to promote the effective engagement of children, youth, the elderly, women, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, local communities and non-governmental organizations in activities related to Article 6 of the Convention,

Re-emphasizing the importance of building and strengthening the skills and capacities of national focal points for Article 6 of the Convention, including by continuing to facilitate a regular exchange of views, good practices and lessons learned through the organization of workshops, videoconferences and activities at the international, regional and national levels,

Recalling the invitation to multilateral and bilateral institutions and organizations, including operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate, to provide financial support for the activities relating to the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention,

Also recalling the Lima Ministerial Declaration on Education and Awareness-raising,[1] which stresses that education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, knowledge and international cooperation play a fundamental role in meeting the ultimate objective of the Convention and in promoting climate-resilient sustainable development,

1. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to launch the intermediate review of the implementation of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention at its forty-fourth session (May 2016) on the basis of the terms of reference contained in the annex, with a view to the review being completed by November 2016;

2. *Encourages* United Nations organizations, in particular the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness, to submit information on the results of their activities, including reports from relevant regional and subregional workshops, as appropriate, in order to support the implementation of the Doha work programme;

[1] Decision 19/CP.20.

3. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to report on the progress made in providing financial support and implementing activities to contribute to the implementation of the Doha work programme;

4. *Invites* multilateral and bilateral institutions and organizations, the private sector and donors to report on financial resources provided to support the activities relating to the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention;

5. *Requests* the secretariat:

(a) To prepare a report on the progress made, as well as emerging gaps, needs and recommendations by Parties, admitted observer organizations and other stakeholders in implementing the Doha work programme as input to the intermediate review, as specified in paragraph 5 of the terms of reference contained in the annex, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-fourth session;

(b) To continue facilitating a regular exchange of views, good practices and lessons learned among national focal points for Article 6 of the Convention;

(c) To continue collaborating with admitted observer organizations and other stakeholders and the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness so as to catalyse action on Article 6 of the Convention;

6. *Also requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

Annex

Terms of reference for the intermediate review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

I. Mandate

1. At its eighteenth session, the Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted the eight-year Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention and decided that it would be reviewed in 2020, with an intermediate review of progress in 2016, to evaluate its effectiveness, identify any emerging gaps and needs, and inform any decisions on improving the effectiveness of the work programme, as appropriate.[1]

2. By the same decision, the COP requested the secretariat to prepare reports on the progress made by Parties in implementing Article 6 of the Convention based on information contained in national communications, reports on the annual in-session Dialogue on Article 6 and other sources of information, including a report on good practices of stakeholder participation in implementing Article 6 activities.[2] These reports will be issued regularly and in particular for the intermediate progress review in 2016 and the review in 2020.

II. Objectives

3. With a view to encouraging improvement based on experience, the objectives of the intermediate review of the progress made in the implementation of the Doha work programme are:

(a) To take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the Doha work programme to date, noting that this work is still ongoing;

(b) To take stock of progress in the integration of Article 6 activities into existing climate change adaptation and mitigation programmes, strategies and activities;

(c) To identify essential needs for, potential gaps in and barriers to the implementation of the Doha work programme;

(d) To identify good practices and lessons learned with a view to their dissemination, promotion and replication, as appropriate;

(e) To identify recommendations on further steps for improving the effective implementation of the Doha work programme.

III. Information sources

4. Information for the intermediate review of the implementation of the Doha work programme should be drawn from, inter alia:

(a) Reports on the annual in-session Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention;

[1] Decision 15/CP.18, paragraphs 1 and 2.

[2] Decision 15/CP.18, annex, paragraph 35(a).

(b) A report on good practices of stakeholder participation in implementing Article 6 of the Convention;[3]

(c) Submissions from Parties, admitted observer organizations and other stakeholders made in response to an invitation by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its forty-second session, containing information on steps taken to implement the Doha work programme, such as efforts to consider the linkages between Article 6 activities, implementation of policies and measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and on emerging gaps and needs, as well as recommendations on further steps for improving the effective implementation of the Doha work programme;

(d) Relevant conclusions adopted at SBI 40,[4] including the annex to document FCCC/SBI/2014/L.20;

(e) National communications and other relevant national reports;

(f) Relevant information and resource materials from United Nations organizations, in particular the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness;

(g) Reports and submissions from the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention and its implementing agencies on financial support provided and activities implemented to contribute to the implementation of the Doha work programme;

(h) Reports and submissions from multilateral and bilateral institutions and organizations, the private sector and donors on financial resources provided to support the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention.

IV. Modalities of review and expected outcomes

5. Drawing upon the information sources listed in paragraph 4 above, the secretariat will prepare for consideration at SBI 44 (May 2016):

(a) A synthesis report on the progress made by Parties, admitted observer organizations and other stakeholders in implementing the Doha work programme;

(b) A report on the functionality and accessibility of the information network clearing house CC:iNet.

6. SBI 44 will consider the documents referred to in paragraph 5 above and any other information relevant to the completion of the intermediate review, including the information referred to in paragraph 4 above, with a view to recommending a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption at COP 22 (November 2016).

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[3] FCCC/SBI/2014/3.
[4] FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraphs 169–173.

Decision 16/CP.21

Alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 2/CP.17, paragraph 67, and 1/CP.18, paragraph 39,

1. *Notes* that methodological aspects related to non-market-based approaches as referred to in decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 39, have been addressed by decisions 9/CP.19 to 15/CP.19;

2. *Also notes* the references to alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, as referred to in decision 9/CP.19, and the need to provide clarity on such approaches as per this decision;

3. *Acknowledges* that alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, are subject to the methodological guidance contained in decision 4/CP.15, paragraph 1, as well as the guidance on safeguards and on systems for providing information on how the safeguards are being addressed and respected when addressing issues related to the reduction of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks;

4. *Recognizes* that alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, are one of the alternatives to results-based payments, as referred to in decision 9/CP.19, that may contribute to the long-term sustainability of the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70;

5. *Decides* that developing country Parties seeking to receive support for the design and implementation of alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, may consider the following elements:

(a) Development of national strategies or action plans for the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, in order to support the integral and sustainable management of forests;

(b) Identification of support needs, including financial resources and technical and technological support;

(c) Development of proposals demonstrating how alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, are contributing to the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70;

(d) Consideration of outcomes and areas of improvement in accordance with national circumstances by using adaptive management and learning, as appropriate;

6. *Notes* that the financing entities referred to in decision 9/CP.19, paragraph 5, are encouraged to continue to provide financial resources, including through the wide variety of sources referred to in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 65, for alternative policy approaches,

such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests;

7. *Invites* Parties that want to implement alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, to support the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, to share information via the web platform on the UNFCCC website;[1]

8. *Decides* to conclude its consideration of alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, in the context of decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 39.

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[1] <http://unfccc.int/4531>.

Decision 17/CP.21

Further guidance on ensuring transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness when informing on how all the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 12/CP.17, 9/CP.19, 11/CP.19 and 12/CP.19,

Noting that the implementation of the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, and the information provided on how these safeguards are being addressed and respected should take into account national circumstances and respective capabilities and recognize national sovereignty and legislation and relevant international obligations and agreements,

Recalling the importance and necessity of adequate and predictable financial and technical support for developing all of the elements referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 71,

Also recalling that the monitoring and reporting of emissions displacement at the national level is agreed separately in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 71(c),

1. *Reiterates* that, in accordance with decision 12/CP.17, paragraphs 1 and 3, developing country Parties undertaking the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, should provide a summary of information on how all the safeguards referred to in decision 1/CP.16, appendix I, are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation of those activities;

2. *Also reiterates* that the summary of information referred to in paragraph 1 above should be provided periodically, in accordance with decisions 12/CP.17 and 12/CP.19;

3. *Notes* that information on how all the safeguards are being addressed and respected should be provided in a way that ensures transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness;

4. *Decides* that developing country Parties should provide information on which activity or activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, are included in the summary of information referred to in paragraph 1 above, taking into account decision 12/CP.17, paragraphs 1 and 3, and decision 9/CP.19, paragraph 4;

5. *Strongly encourages* developing country Parties, when providing the summary of information referred to in paragraph 1 above, to include the following elements, where appropriate:

(a) Information on national circumstances relevant to addressing and respecting the safeguards;

(b) A description of each safeguard in accordance with national circumstances;

(c) A description of existing systems and processes relevant to addressing and respecting safeguards, including the information systems referred to in decision 12/CP.17, in accordance with national circumstances;

(d) Information on how each of the safeguards has been addressed and respected, in accordance with national circumstances;

6. *Encourages* developing country Parties to provide any other relevant information on the safeguards in the summary of information referred to in paragraph 1 above;

7. *Also encourages* developing country Parties to improve the information provided in the summary of information referred to in paragraph 1 above, taking into account the stepwise approach;

8. *Decides* that there is no need for further guidance pursuant to decision 12/CP.17, paragraph 6, to ensure transparency, consistency, comprehensiveness and effectiveness when informing on how all the safeguards are being addressed and respected.

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Decision 18/CP.21

Methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits resulting from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 1/CP.18 and 9/CP.19, paragraph 22,

Reaffirming the importance of incentivizing non-carbon benefits for the long-term sustainability of the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, recognized in decision 9/CP.19, paragraph 22,

Recognizing that multiple non-carbon benefits associated with the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, can contribute to adaptation,

1. *Recognizes* that non-carbon benefits associated with the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, are unique to countries' national circumstances, in accordance with national sovereignty, legislation, policies and priorities;

2. *Also recognizes* that, in line with their national circumstances and capabilities, developing country Parties seeking support for the integration of non-carbon benefits into activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, with a view to contributing to the long-term sustainability of those activities, may provide information addressing, inter alia, the nature, scale and importance of the non-carbon benefits;

3. *Encourages* developing country Parties to share the information referred to in paragraph 2 above via the web platform on the UNFCCC website;[1]

4. *Invites* interested developing country Parties to communicate the information referred to in paragraph 2 above for consideration by interested Parties and relevant financing entities, as appropriate;

5. *Decides* that methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits resulting from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, do not constitute a requirement for developing country Parties seeking to receive support for the implementation of the actions and activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16 or results-based payments pursuant to decision 9/CP.19;

6. *Agrees* to conclude at this session the work on methodological issues related to non-carbon benefits from the implementation of the activities referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70.

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[1] <http://unfccc.int/4531>.

Decision 19/CP.21

Extension of the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 5/CP.7, 7/CP.7, 27/CP.7, 28/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.10, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 3/CP.17, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18 and 3/CP.20,

Recognizing the specific needs and special situation of the least developed countries under Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Having considered the reports on the meetings of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the views of Parties on the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the report on the stocktaking meeting on the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the synthesis report on the progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group,[1]

Noting the importance of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group as a body that provides high-quality and relevant information on adaptation for the least developed countries,

Also noting that the least developed country Parties continue to require support for, inter alia, the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, engagement with the Green Climate Fund, regional approaches to adaptation, and the implementation of the least developed countries work programme,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group under its current terms of reference;[2]

2. *Also decides* that the Least Developed Countries Expert Group should be mandated to provide technical guidance and advice on:

(a) The integration of climate change adaptation into national planning and the development of programmes that address both objectives of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

(b) Regional approaches to adaptation planning;[3]

(c) Accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund secretariat;

(d) Needs related to adaptation that may arise from the Paris Agreement and the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session, as determined by Parties;

3. *Invites* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to consider the need to update the least developed countries work programme and to make recommendations for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-eighth session (April–

[1] Documents FCCC/SBI/2015/7, FCCC/SBI/2015/MISC.2, FCCC/SBI/2015/8 and FCCC/SBI/2015/6, respectively.

[2] Decisions 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18 and 3/CP.20.

[3] See document FCCC/SBI/2015/8.

May 2018), with a view to those recommendations being forwarded to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session (November 2018), as appropriate;

4. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 above, when developing its two-year rolling work programme to take into account the compilation of elements contained in annex I to document FCCC/SBI/2015/8 and the compilation of gaps and needs in the least developed countries, considered at this session;[4]

5. *Also requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to invite the Green Climate Fund secretariat to its meetings, as appropriate;

6. *Further requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, recognizing its good collaboration with the Global Environment Facility, to continue to invite the Global Environment Facility and its agencies to its meetings, as appropriate;

7. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to collaborate with other constituted bodies under the Convention, including by inviting members of these bodies to participate, as appropriate, in its meetings;

8. *Decides* that the membership of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group should remain at 13 members;

9. *Encourages* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to invite representatives of regional centres or networks to its meetings as observers, as appropriate;

10. *Also encourages* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to invite relevant regional centres to nominate one focal point each for the Least Developed Countries Expert Group with a view to enhancing collaboration with those centres;

11. *Invites* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to invite representatives of global programmes, projects and/or networks that support the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans to its meetings, as appropriate, as a way to promote the exchange of experiences and lessons learned;

12. *Decides* that, in accordance with decision 7/CP.9, paragraph 2, new experts may be nominated to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group or existing members of the group may continue in office, as determined by the respective regions or groups, taking into account the goal of gender balance in established bodies, in accordance with decision 23/CP.18, paragraph 2;

13. *Also decides* to review, at its twenty-sixth session, the progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, with a view to adopting a decision thereon, taking into account, as appropriate, new processes and needs that may arise prior to that session;

14. *Further decides* on the following actions and steps necessary for the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate the review referred to in paragraph 13 above at its fifty-second session:

(a) To request the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to convene before June 2020, with the assistance of the secretariat, a meeting with representatives of Parties and relevant organizations, to take stock of its work;

[4] See documents FCCC/SBI/2015/6, FCCC/SBI/2015/7, FCCC/SBI/2015/8, FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.6 and FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.14.

(b) To invite Parties to submit their views on the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group via the submissions portal[5] by 1 February 2020, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fifty-second session;

(c) To request the secretariat to prepare a report on the stocktaking meeting referred to in paragraph 14(a) above for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fifty-second session, as input to the review;

(d) To request the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group based on submissions from Parties, reports of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the report of the stocktaking meeting referred to in paragraph 14(c) above and other relevant information for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fifty-second session, as input to the review;

15. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to facilitate the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group.

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[5] <http://www.unfccc.int/5900>.

Decision 20/CP.21

Technical review in 2016 of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 12/CP.9, 24/CP.19 and 13/CP.20,

Emphasizing the importance of ensuring that the Conference of the Parties has adequate and reliable information on annual greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties),

Recognizing that owing to a delay in the availability of a functioning CRF Reporter, not all Annex I Parties were able to submit their 2015 greenhouse gas inventories in time to start the review process of those inventories in 2015,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to organize, for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties) that did not undergo a review of their annual greenhouse gas inventory in 2015, the review of their 2015 greenhouse gas inventory submission under the Convention in conjunction with the review of their 2016 greenhouse gas inventory submission, ensuring that the reviews are organized in accordance with decision 13/CP.20;

2. *Decides* that the expert review teams shall review identical information only once, and that the expert review teams shall produce a separate, complete review report for each Party for each year, but may replicate the same review text in both review reports concerning identical information in both years' inventories;

3. *Also decides* that the exceptional measures taken under paragraph 1 above to review the greenhouse gas inventories for Annex I Parties for the years 2015 and 2016 shall not be precedent-setting for future work;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to make every effort to facilitate future reviews in accordance with decision 13/CP.20 and any subsequent relevant decisions, without exception;

5. *Also requests* the secretariat to continue to make improvements to the CRF Reporter functionality, prioritizing the resolution of outstanding issues related to transparency and accuracy, noting that the CRF Reporter is not yet fully functioning.

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Decision 21/CP.21

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 27/CP.19, in which the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015 was approved,

Also recalling paragraph 11 of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the secretariat[1]

Having considered the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,[2]

I. Budget performance for the biennium 2014–2015

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the report on budget performance for the period 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2015[3] and the status of contributions to the trust funds administered by the secretariat as at 15 November 2015;[4]

2. *Welcomes* the Executive Secretary's efforts to address budgetary limits by enhancing effectiveness and efficiency, including reducing staffing costs through post management;

3. *Expresses appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;

4. *Urges* Parties that have not made contributions to the core budget in full for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without delay;

5. *Calls upon* Parties to make their contributions to the core budget for the biennium 2016–2017 in a timely manner, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year, in accordance with the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties;

6. *Expresses appreciation* for the contributions received from Parties to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;

7. *Urges* Parties to contribute further to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the negotiations in 2016, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;

8. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution as Host Government of the secretariat of EUR 1,789,522;

[1] Decision 15/CP.1, annex I, as revised by decision 23/CP.20.
[2] FCCC/SBI/2015/13, FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.10 and FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.17.
[3] FCCC/SBI/2015/13.
[4] FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.17.

II. Audit report and financial statements for 2014

9. *Takes note* of the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors,[5] which includes recommendations and the financial statements for 2014, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audits of the accounts of the Convention and for the valuable observations and recommendations of the auditors;

11. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate.

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[5] FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.10.

Decision 22/CP.21

Programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling paragraph 4 of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the secretariat,[1]

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 submitted by the Executive Secretary,[2]

1. *Approves* the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017, amounting to EUR 54,648,484, for the purposes specified in table 1;[3]

2. *Notes with appreciation* the annual contribution of EUR 766,938 of the Host Government of the secretariat, which offsets planned expenditures;

3. *Approves* the staffing table (table 2) for the programme budget;

4. *Notes* that the programme budget contains elements relating to the Convention as well as to its Kyoto Protocol;

5. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions for 2016 and 2017 contained in the annex, covering 71.2 per cent of the indicative contributions specified in table 1;

6. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, at its eleventh session, to endorse the elements of the recommended budget as it applies to the Kyoto Protocol;

7. *Also invites* the United Nations General Assembly to decide at its seventieth session on the issue of meeting the conference services expenses from the United Nations regular budget;

8. *Approves* a contingency budget for conference services, amounting to EUR 10,378,900, to be added to the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 in the event that the United Nations General Assembly decides not to provide resources for these activities in the United Nations regular budget (see table 3);

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the implementation of paragraphs 7 and 8 above, as necessary;

10. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to make transfers between each of the main appropriation lines set out in table 1, up to an aggregate limit of 15 per cent of total estimated expenditure for those appropriation lines, provided that a further limitation of up to minus 25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply;

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[1] Decision 15/CP.1, annex I, as revised by decision 23/CP.20.

[2] FCCC/SBI/2015/3 and Add.1–3.

[3] Recognizes that, in accordance with decision 13/CP.20, three operational approaches may be used for implementing the technical review of the greenhouse gas inventories of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, namely desk reviews, centralized reviews and in-country reviews, assuming available resources, and recognizes that the secretariat may implement such reviews according to decision 13/CP.20 in 2016–2017, taking into account the programme budget and supplementary resources provided for under this decision.

11. *Decides* to maintain the level of the working capital reserve at 8.3 per cent of the estimated expenditure;

12. *Takes note* of the surplus accumulated under the Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the UNFCCC as at 31 December 2014, amounting to USD 6.337 million;

13. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis, not to apply the last sentence of regulation 5.3 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[4] which would require the surrender of the accumulated surplus referred to in paragraph 12 above;

14. *Invites* all Parties to the Convention to note that contributions to the core budget are due on 1 January of each year, in accordance with paragraph 8(b) of the financial procedures, and to pay promptly and in full, for each of the years 2016 and 2017, the contributions required to finance expenditures approved under paragraph 1 above and any contributions required to finance the expenditures arising from the decision referred to in paragraph 8 above;

15. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to implement decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session for which provisions are not made under the approved budget, using voluntary contributions and to the extent possible, resources available under the core budget;

16. *Urges* Parties to make voluntary contributions as necessary for the timely implementation of the decisions referred to in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process specified by the Executive Secretary (table 4);

18. *Invites* Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process;

19. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities specified by the Executive Secretary (EUR 51,647,777 for the biennium 2016–2017) (table 5);

20. *Invites* Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;

21. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-second session (November 2016) on income and budget performance, and to propose any adjustments that might be needed in the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;

22. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to facilitate the consideration of future programme budget proposals by including in the official budget documents budget scenarios, including zero nominal growth, together with information on the related implications of the implementation of the secretariat's work programme and the estimated impacts on the level of indicative contributions by Parties, and by submitting at least 15 days in advance of the relevant session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation the latest unaudited financial statements and an update on the implementation of the approved core budget.

[4] United Nations Secretariat document ST/SGB/2013/4.

Table 1
Proposed core budget for 2016–2017 by programme

	2016 (EUR)	*2017 (EUR)*	*Total 2016–2017 (EUR)*
A. Programme appropriations			
Executive Direction and Management	2 250 862	2 210 862	4 461 724
Mitigation, Data and Analysis	7 611 688	7 611 688	15 223 376
Finance, Technology and Capacity-Building	2 732 260	2 732 627	5 454 887
Adaptation	2 335 712	2 336 252	4 671 964
Sustainable Development Mechanisms	406 250	369 990	776 240
Legal Affairs	1 304 455	1 304 455	2 608 910
Conference Affairs Services	1 691 137	1 633 142	3 324 279
Communications and Outreach	1 591 177	1 478 722	3 069 899
Information Technology Services	2 874 780	2 690 771	5 565 551
Administrative Services[a]			
B. Secretariat-wide operating costs[b]	1 402 358	1 829 358	3 231 716
Programme expenditures (A + B)	**24 200 679**	**24 197 867**	**48 398 546**
C. Programme support costs (overheads)[c]	3 146 088	3 145 723	6 291 811
D. Adjustment to working capital reserve[d]	(41 609)	(264)	(41 873)
Total (A + B + C + D)	**27 305 158**	**27 343 326**	**54 648 484**
Income			
Contribution from the Host Government	766 938	766 938	1 533 876
Indicative contributions	26 538 220	26 576 388	53 114 608
Total income	**27 305 158**	**27 343 326**	**54 648 484**

[a] Administrative Services is funded from programme support costs (overheads).
[b] Secretariat-wide operating costs are managed by Administrative Services.
[c] Standard 13 per cent applied for administrative support.
[d] In accordance with the financial procedures (decision 15/CP.1), the core budget is required to maintain a working capital reserve of 8.3 per cent (one month of operating requirements) amounting to EUR 2,269,782 in 2016 and EUR 2,269,518 in 2017.

Table 2
Secretariat-wide staffing from the core budget

	2015	*2016*	*2017*
Professional category and above[a]			
ASG	1	1	1
D-2	3	3	3
D-1	7	7	7
P-5	15	15	15
P-4	35	35	35
P-3	43	43	43
P-2	16	16	16
Subtotal Professional category and above	**120**	**120**	**120**
Subtotal General Service category	**53.5**	**53.5**	**53.5**
Total	**173.5**	**173.5**	**173.5**

[a] Assistant Secretary-General (ASG), Director (D) and Professional (P).

Table 3
Resource requirements for the conference services contingency

	2016 (EUR)	*2017 (EUR)*	*Total 2016–2017 (EUR)*
Object of expenditure			
Interpretation[a]	1 258 100	1 295 900	2 554 000
Documentation[b]			
Translation	2 104 500	2 167 700	4 272 200
Reproduction and distribution	719 900	741 500	1 461 400
Meetings services support[c]	259 200	266 900	526 100
Subtotal	**4 341 700**	**4 472 000**	**8 813 700**
Programme support costs	564 400	581 400	1 145 800
Working capital reserve	407 200	12 200	419 400
Total	**5 313 300**	**5 065 600**	**10 378 900**

Note: Assumptions used for calculating the conference services contingency budget include the following:

- The expected number of meetings with interpretation does not exceed 40 per session;
- The expected documentation volume is based on the calculations provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva;
- Meetings services support includes staff normally provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva conference services for the in-session coordination and support of interpretation, translation and reproduction services;
- Overall, the figures used are conservative and have been applied on the assumption that there will be no major increase in requirements during the biennium.

[a] Includes salaries, travel and daily subsistence allowance for interpreters.

[b] Includes all costs related to the processing of pre-, in- and post-session documentation; translation costs include revision and typing of documents.

[c] Includes salaries, travel and daily subsistence allowance for meetings services support staff and costs of shipment and telecommunications.

Table 4
Resource requirements for the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process in the biennium 2016–2017

Number of delegates	*Estimated cost (EUR)*
Support for one delegate from each eligible Party to participate in a one-week session organized in Bonn, Germany[a]	615 000
Support for one delegate from each eligible Party to participate in a two-week session organized in Bonn[a]	960 000
Support for one delegate from each eligible Party plus a second delegate from each least developed country and each small island developing State to participate in a two-week session organized in Bonn[a]	1 485 000
Support for two delegates from each eligible Party to participate in a two-week session organized in Paris, France[a]	2 350 000
Support for two delegates from each eligible Party plus a third delegate from each least developed country and each small island developing State to participate in a two-week session organized in Paris[a]	3 000 000

[a] Locations provided as examples.

Table 5

Resource requirements for the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities in the biennium 2016–2017[a]

Table no.[b]	*Activities to be undertaken by the secretariat*	*EUR*
	Convention	
2	Coordinating the implementation of the Paris outcome, institutional arrangements under the Convention and efforts to mobilize and catalyse climate action	2 108 444
3	Support to gender mainstreaming in climate change policy and action	398 800
4	Supporting the work of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention on implementing the measurement, reporting and verification framework for developing country Parties	1 843 304
8	Supporting the implementation of national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories and related activities by non-Annex I Parties, including national forest monitoring systems	529 643
9	Supporting the implementation of enhanced action on mitigation by developing country Parties	2 323 497
11	Supporting the work programme for the development of modalities and guidelines for enhanced reporting by developed country Parties and the international assessment and review process	1 621 731
13	Further improvements and development of the nationally appropriate mitigation action registry	585 340
15	Support to technical dialogue on nationally determined contributions	2 074 725
16	Supporting the operationalization of the international consultation and analysis process for developing country Parties	2 302 760
17	Supporting the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice consideration of issues relating to agriculture	275 720
18	Supporting the work of the Standing Committee on Finance	1 159 380
19	Support to climate finance	333 802
20	Supporting the implementation of the Technology Mechanism and the work of the Technology Executive Committee, including the implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention	1 193 981
22	Supporting the implementation of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change	1 301 172
23	Supporting the implementation of the Cancun Adaptation Framework	5 340 425
24	Supporting the least developed countries and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group	3 389 096
25	Supporting activities relating to climate change science, research and systematic observation	534 230
26	Supporting the periodic review of the adequacy of the long-term global goal referred to in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 4	493 189
27	Supporting the implementation of adaptation mandates of a cross-cutting nature, including those relating to the Durban Platform, stakeholder engagement, communications and outreach	1 022 952
29	Support to stakeholder engagement in the UNFCCC process	746 193
31	Developing internal communication tools and channels within the secretariat, in order to enhance communication between management and staff and among staff	243 402
32	Managing and preserving sound recordings of all the sessions of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the subsidiary bodies	1 010 646
36	Managing and preserving video recordings of the sessions of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the subsidiary bodies	492 646
37	The development and maintenance of the secretariat's vocabulary for information retrieval in all secretariat systems	319 944

Table no.[b]	*Activities to be undertaken by the secretariat*	*EUR*
	Subtotal	**31 645 022**
	Kyoto Protocol	
5	Enhancement and maintenance of the compilation and accounting database under the Kyoto Protocol	577 204
28	Support to the Compliance Committee	505 901
	Subtotal	**1 083 105**
	Convention and its Kyoto Protocol	
6	Activities relating to land use, land-use change and forestry: reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, enhancement of forest carbon sinks, and the role of sinks in future mitigation actions	2 242 598
7	Providing training for expert review teams and organizing meetings of the lead reviewers	1 524 485
10	Supporting activities relating to the impact of the implementation of response measures	1 086 608
12	Supporting the upgraded software (CRF Reporter) for the reporting of GHG emissions/removals by Annex I Parties	1 523 466
14	Maintenance and enhancement of the UNFCCC data warehouse and related information technology tools and data-processing systems, including tools for the review of GHG inventories and the operation of the GHG data interface on the UNFCCC website	660 711
21	Supporting the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries established under decision 2/CP.7 and the framework for capacity-building in countries with economies in transition established under decision 3/CP.7	266 002
30	Further development of the Electronic Official Documentation System	52 048
33	Managing the secretariat's business records	1 135 853
34	Providing archive services for the historical records of the UNFCCC	1 394 578
35	Enhancing information governance	276 398
38	Website project – digital enhancements post-2015 (web/social media)	1 179 042
39	UNFCCC web portal in the six United Nations languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)	2 185 782
40	Visualization of UNFCCC process information and data	808 402
41	Developing country media training workshops	395 500
42	Web and outreach for greater climate action	1 411 912
43	Momentum for Change	2 308 346
44	Activities to support the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention	467 919
	Subtotal	**18 919 650**
	Grand total	**51 647 777**

[a] The table includes projects for which funding is sought from Parties. Projects funded from other sources are not listed.
[b] Table numbers refer to the tables contained in document FCCC/SBI/2015/3/Add.2.

Annex

Indicative scale of contributions from Parties to the Convention for the biennium 2016–2017

[English only]

Party	*United Nations scale of assessments for 2015*	*UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2016*	*UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2017*
Afghanistan	0.005	0.005	0.005
Albania	0.010	0.010	0.010
Algeria	0.137	0.134	0.134
Andorra	0.008	0.008	0.008
Angola	0.010	0.010	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.002	0.002
Argentina	0.432	0.421	0.421
Armenia	0.007	0.007	0.007
Australia	2.074	2.022	2.022
Austria	0.798	0.778	0.778
Azerbaijan	0.040	0.039	0.039
Bahamas	0.017	0.017	0.017
Bahrain	0.039	0.038	0.038
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.008	0.008	0.008
Belarus	0.056	0.055	0.055
Belgium	0.998	0.973	0.973
Belize	0.001	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.003	0.003	0.003
Bhutan	0.001	0.001	0.001
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.009	0.009	0.009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.017	0.017	0.017
Botswana	0.017	0.017	0.017
Brazil	2.934	2.861	2.861
Brunei Darussalam	0.026	0.025	0.025
Bulgaria	0.047	0.046	0.046
Burkina Faso	0.003	0.003	0.003
Burundi	0.001	0.001	0.001
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.004	0.004	0.004
Cameroon	0.012	0.012	0.012
Canada	2.984	2.909	2.909
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.002	0.002	0.002
Chile	0.334	0.326	0.326
China	5.148	5.019	5.019
Colombia	0.259	0.253	0.253
Comoros	0.001	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.005	0.005	0.005
Cook Islands	0.001	0.001	0.001
Costa Rica	0.038	0.037	0.037

Party	*United Nations scale of assessments for 2015*	*UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2016*	*UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2017*
Côte d'Ivoire	0.011	0.011	0.011
Croatia	0.126	0.123	0.123
Cuba	0.069	0.067	0.067
Cyprus	0.047	0.046	0.046
Czech Republic	0.386	0.376	0.376
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.006	0.006	0.006
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.003	0.003	0.003
Denmark	0.675	0.658	0.658
Djibouti	0.001	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.045	0.044	0.044
Ecuador	0.044	0.043	0.043
Egypt	0.134	0.131	0.131
El Salvador	0.016	0.016	0.016
Equatorial Guinea	0.010	0.010	0.010
Eritrea	0.001	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.040	0.039	0.039
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010	0.010
European Union	2.500	2.500	2.500
Fiji	0.003	0.003	0.003
Finland	0.519	0.506	0.506
France	5.593	5.453	5.453
Gabon	0.020	0.019	0.019
Gambia	0.001	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.007	0.007	0.007
Germany	7.141	6.962	6.962
Ghana	0.014	0.014	0.014
Greece	0.638	0.622	0.622
Grenada	0.001	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.027	0.026	0.026
Guinea	0.001	0.001	0.001
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.001	0.001	0.001
Haiti	0.003	0.003	0.003
Honduras	0.008	0.008	0.008
Hungary	0.266	0.259	0.259
Iceland	0.027	0.026	0.026
India	0.666	0.649	0.649
Indonesia	0.346	0.337	0.337
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.356	0.347	0.347
Iraq	0.068	0.066	0.066
Ireland	0.418	0.408	0.408
Israel	0.396	0.386	0.386
Italy	4.448	4.337	4.337
Jamaica	0.011	0.011	0.011
Japan	10.833	10.562	10.562
Jordan	0.022	0.021	0.021
Kazakhstan	0.121	0.118	0.118
Kenya	0.013	0.013	0.013

Party	*United Nations scale of assessments for 2015*	*UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2016*	*UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2017*
Kiribati	0.001	0.001	0.001
Kuwait	0.273	0.266	0.266
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.002	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.002	0.002	0.002
Latvia	0.047	0.046	0.046
Lebanon	0.042	0.041	0.041
Lesotho	0.001	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001	0.001
Libya	0.142	0.138	0.138
Liechtenstein	0.009	0.009	0.009
Lithuania	0.073	0.071	0.071
Luxembourg	0.081	0.079	0.079
Madagascar	0.003	0.003	0.003
Malawi	0.002	0.002	0.002
Malaysia	0.281	0.274	0.274
Maldives	0.001	0.001	0.001
Mali	0.004	0.004	0.004
Malta	0.016	0.016	0.016
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.002	0.002	0.002
Mauritius	0.013	0.013	0.013
Mexico	1.842	1.796	1.796
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.012	0.012	0.012
Mongolia	0.003	0.003	0.003
Montenegro	0.005	0.005	0.005
Morocco	0.062	0.060	0.060
Mozambique	0.003	0.003	0.003
Myanmar	0.010	0.010	0.010
Namibia	0.010	0.010	0.010
Nauru	0.001	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.006	0.006	0.006
Netherlands	1.654	1.613	1.613
New Zealand	0.253	0.247	0.247
Nicaragua	0.003	0.003	0.003
Niger	0.002	0.002	0.002
Nigeria	0.090	0.088	0.088
Niue	0.001	0.001	0.001
Norway	0.851	0.830	0.830
Oman	0.102	0.099	0.099
Pakistan	0.085	0.083	0.083
Palau	0.001	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.026	0.025	0.025
Papua New Guinea	0.004	0.004	0.004
Paraguay	0.010	0.010	0.010
Peru	0.117	0.114	0.114
Philippines	0.154	0.150	0.150
Poland	0.921	0.898	0.898
Portugal	0.474	0.462	0.462

Party	*United Nations scale of assessments for 2015*	*UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2016*	*UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2017*
Qatar	0.209	0.204	0.204
Republic of Korea	1.994	1.944	1.944
Republic of Moldova	0.003	0.003	0.003
Romania	0.226	0.220	0.220
Russian Federation	2.438	2.377	2.377
Rwanda	0.002	0.002	0.002
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.001	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001	0.001
Samoa	0.001	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.003	0.003	0.003
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001	0.001
Saudi Arabia	0.864	0.842	0.842
Senegal	0.006	0.006	0.006
Serbia	0.040	0.039	0.039
Seychelles	0.001	0.001	0.001
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001	0.001
Singapore	0.384	0.374	0.374
Slovakia	0.171	0.167	0.167
Slovenia	0.100	0.097	0.097
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.372	0.363	0.363
South Sudan	0.004	0.004	0.004
Spain	2.973	2.899	2.899
Sri Lanka	0.025	0.024	0.024
Sudan	0.010	0.010	0.010
Suriname	0.004	0.004	0.004
Swaziland	0.003	0.003	0.003
Sweden	0.960	0.936	0.936
Switzerland	1.047	1.021	1.021
Syrian Arab Republic	0.036	0.035	0.035
Tajikistan	0.003	0.003	0.003
Thailand	0.239	0.233	0.233
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.008	0.008	0.008
Timor-Leste	0.002	0.002	0.002
Togo	0.001	0.001	0.001
Tonga	0.001	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.044	0.043	0.043
Tunisia	0.036	0.035	0.035
Turkey	1.328	1.295	1.295
Turkmenistan	0.019	0.019	0.019
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.006	0.006	0.006
Ukraine	0.099	0.097	0.097
United Arab Emirates	0.595	0.580	0.580
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	5.179	5.049	5.049
United Republic of Tanzania	0.009	0.009	0.009
United States of America	22.000	21.449	21.449

Party	*United Nations scale of assessments for 2015*	*UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2016*	*UNFCCC adjusted scale of assessments for 2017*
Uruguay	0.052	0.051	0.051
Uzbekistan	0.015	0.015	0.015
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.627	0.611	0.611
Viet Nam	0.042	0.041	0.041
Yemen	0.010	0.010	0.010
Zambia	0.006	0.006	0.006
Zimbabwe	0.002	0.002	0.002
Total	**102.502**	**100.000**	**100.000**

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Decision 23/CP.21

Dates and venues of future sessions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Also recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

Further recalling rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

I. Dates and venues of future sessions

A. Twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties and twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

1. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer by the Kingdom of Morocco to host the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties and the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in Marrakesh, Morocco, from Monday, 7 November, to Friday, 18 November 2016, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243, and subject to the successful conclusion of a Host Country Agreement;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Kingdom of Morocco and to negotiate and finalize a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions that complies with the provisions of the United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement not later than the forty-fourth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

B. Twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties and thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

3. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties and the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol would come from the Asia-Pacific States;

4. *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of those sessions, which will be held from Monday, 6 November, to Friday, 17 November 2017;

5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-fourth session, to consider the issue of the host of the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties and the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-second session;

C. Twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties and fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

6. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties and the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol would come from the Eastern European States;

7. *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of those sessions, which will be held from Monday, 5 November, to Friday, 16 November 2018;

8. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-fourth session, to consider the issue of the host of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties and the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-second session;

II. Calendar of meetings of the Convention and Kyoto Protocol bodies

9. *Takes note* that, as recommended by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fortieth session,[1] future May/June sessions of the subsidiary bodies should commence on a Monday, and that, in order to enhance efficiency and time management, work should be completed one day earlier than previously, so as to finish the sessions on the Thursday of the second week, and that all meetings at those sessions taking place on the Saturday should be completed by midday in order to enhance the efficiency, timeliness and transparency of the work;

10. *Decides* to adopt the following dates for the sessional periods in 2020:

(a) First sessional period: Monday, 1 June, to Thursday, 11 June;

(b) Second sessional period: Monday, 9 November, to Friday, 20 November.

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[1] FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraphs 212 and 213.

Resolution 1/CP.21

Expression of gratitude to the Government of the French Republic and the people of the city of Paris

Draft resolution submitted by Morocco

The Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Having met in Paris from 30 November to 11 December 2015 at the invitation of the Government of the French Republic,

1. *Express their profound gratitude* to the Government of the French Republic for having made it possible for the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties and the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to be held in Paris;

2. *Request* the Government of the French Republic to convey to the city and people of Paris the gratitude of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol for the hospitality and warmth extended to the participants.

11th plenary meeting
13 December 2015